GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services-Prohibition & Excise Department-Filling up the posts of Additional Commissioner, Joint Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners on in-charge basis in the existing vacancies - Officiating in the own scale of pay- Orders-Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.209 Dt:10.06.2015

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.424, G.A (Ser.C) Department, Dt.25.05.1976.
2. G.O.Ms.No.66, G.A (Ser.C) Department, Dt.30.01.1991.
3. G.O.Ms.No.257, G.A (Ser.C) Dept., Dt.10.06.1999.
4. From the CPE, Lr. Cr.No.2170/2015/CPE/A1, Dt.01.05.2015.

ORDER:

In the letter 4th read above, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, A.P., Hyderabad while submitting the proposals for filling up of certain senior cadre posts of Prohibition & Excise Department has stated that the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Hyderabad who is also holding the post of Commissioner of Distilleries & Beverages and Managing Director, A.P. Beverages Corporation Limited is being assisted by one Joint Commissioner only in the Head Quarters Office and the Prohibition & Excise Department is essentially a regulatory department and regulates the production, transportation, distribution and sale of intoxicants and is also one of the major revenue earning departments in the State Government. Any laxity in implementation of various statutes regulating the intoxicants has serious repercussions on public health as well as Law and Order and also affects revenue of the State. Giving the sensitive nature of the duties and functions of the department it is imperative that all the cadres in the department are cautious in discharging their legitimate duties.

The posts of Additional Commissioner and Joint Commissioners are pivotal posts in contributing correct and necessary inputs for taking suitable decisions in day to day administration especially in collection of revenues, review of crime cases and dealing with court matters. They are also responsible for dealing with policy matters and supplying necessary material, data, etc., to aid policy making. Consequent on bifurcation of the State, only one officer in the cadre of Joint Commissioner is available in the Head Office to assist the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, A.P., Hyderabad and he is in-charge of all posts i.e., Additional Commissioner, Joint Commissioner (Enforcement) and subjects relating to Excise Academy and A.P. Beverages Corporation Limited. It is therefore, essential to fill up these posts even on in-charge basis keeping in view the public interest.

2. The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Hyderabad has also stated that work in the head office is severely hampered due to vacancies in critical administration posts, especially in view of bifurcation and running of Government Wholesale Depots by the Department in view of huge Income Tax debts of A.P. Beverages Corporation Limited.

3. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, A.P., Hyderabad has also stated that it is expected from the Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise to have a full command and control over the functioning at district level. The Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise are expected to orient the activities of all the functionaries in the district keeping the organizational goals and aims in mind. They must ensure that all the actions of all their officials and others must result in achieving Government revenue as well as controlling the crime keeping in view the public interest and image of the Department.

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The Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise are expected to be focused, attentive, commanding and provide right type of leadership by way of leading from the front of all the functionaries of all the branches of the Department working in the district. As such, filling up of these posts are essential for effective functioning of the Department keeping in view the public interest. Finally, the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Hyderabad has requested the Government to consider for filling up the vacant posts of one (1) Additional Commissioner, two (2) Joint commissioners and three (3) Deputy Commissioners on in-charge basis on their own scale of pay in relaxation of Rule 10 (h) of A.P.S.S. Rules for officiating in the vacant posts.

4. Government have observed that all the officers of the Department who are in the seniority list are facing ACB liquor syndicate cases and the Hon'ble APAT have issued interim directions for considering that promotions to the next category without reference to ACB liquor syndicate cases/charges.

5. The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Hyderabad has proposed the following names of the Prohibition & Excise officials for appointing them as Additional Commissioner, Joint commissioners and Deputy Commissioners on in-charge basis:

1) **Filling up of the post of Additional Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise**:

Sl. No.	**Name of Joint Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise**	**Date from working as JCPE**
1.	Sri K.L.Bhaskar	01.08.2012

2) **Filling up of the posts of Joint Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise:**

Sl. No.	**Name of the DCPEs**	**Date from working as DCPE**
1.	M. Devakumar (SC)	04.07.2008
2.	A.Chandrasekhar Naidu	03.08.2009

3) **Filling up of the post of Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise:**

Sl. No.	**Name of the ACPEs**	**Date from working as ACPE**
1.	Y.B. Bhasker Rao	06.10.2011
2.	P. Sreemannarayana Rao	06.10.2011
3.	Sri T. Srinivasa Rao (SC)	07.10.2011

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As cadre strength of (i) Additional Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise is one (ii) Joint Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise is two, there is no need to follow Rule of Reservation in Promotions. In respect of Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise, against the cadre strength of 15, three (3) officers belonging to SC Community and two (2) officers belonging to ST Community are already working and adequacy is achieved. Therefore, Rule of Reservation has to be stopped and promotions based on seniority has to be effected.

6. Government after careful consideration of the matter and in terms of the orders contained in the G.Os 1st to 3rd cited, hereby appoint the following officials of Prohibition & Excise Department to the next category on in-charge basis on their own scale of pay in relaxation of Rule 10(h) of AP State & Sub-ordinate Service Rules, 1966 as detailed below:

1. Sri K.L.Bhaskar, Joint Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise as Additional Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise.

2. Sri M. Devakumar (SC) and Sri A.Chandrasekhar Naidu, Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise as Joint Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise.

3. Sri Y.B. Bhasker Rao, Sri P. Sreemannarayana Rao and Sri T. Srinivasa Rao (SC), Assistant Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise as Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise.

7. The above arrangement is on ad-hoc basis only and not a promotion to the post of next category. The officers are informed that their respective postings as in-charge Additional Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Joint Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise and Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise do not confer any right or claim on them for the post of Additional Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Joint Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise and Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition & Excise or to any claim for the seniority or promotion in future. Similarly, these ad-hoc in-charge arrangements are subject to the outcome of the cases in this matter before various Courts.

8. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, A.P., Hyderabad is requested to take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, A.P., Hyderabad.
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